

July 24, 2002

**VIA HAND DELIVERY**

Jesse S. Reyes, Hearing Officer  
Department of Telecommunications and Energy  
One South Station, Second Floor  
Boston, Massachusetts 02110

Re:    *New England Power Company, D.T.E. 02-33*  
      *Canal Electric Company/Cambridge Electric Light Company/*  
      *Commonwealth Electric Company, D.T.E. 02-34*  
      *The Connecticut Light and Power Company, D.T.E. 02-35*

Dear Hearing Officer Reyes:

On July 19, 2002, in response to a request on the same date by the Office of the Attorney General, New England Power Company, Canal Electric Company, *et al.*, The Connecticut Light and Power Company and FPL Energy Seabrook, LLC (the proponents and full party intervenors in the above-referenced proceedings) (the "Parties"), a two-day extension to file initial briefs was granted in the above-referenced proceedings. At that time, the Parties stated that they were engaged in settlement discussions with the goal of resolving all issues before the Department.

This letter respectfully requests on behalf of each of the Parties an additional extension of one day to file initial briefs, for the reasons outlined by the Parties in their July 19 request. I am authorized by the Parties to make this request. In requesting this extension, the parties do not request an extension of the deadline for reply briefs. Therefore, the Parties do not believe that such an extension will delay the Department's consideration of these proceedings. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

John K. Habib

cc:    Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary  
      Service List, D.T.E. 00-33, D.T.E. 00-34, D.T.E. 00-35